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## PRESS RELEASE

### North Shore Teen Club Peace River Canoe Trip

**Miami Beach, FL** - The City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department had the pleasure of taking their North Shore Teen Club members to a memorable overnight canoe and camping trip in Central Florida. Twenty-seven teens traveled to Peace River in Arcadia on December 17, 2005 for a 2-day canoe and camping adventure. The trip was a reward for all the Teens' hard work and dedication in volunteering their time for the benefit of their community.

The Teens spent the night at North Shore Park on December 16 to prepare themselves for the 4 hour bus ride to Arcadia the following morning at 3 a.m. Upon arrival at the Canoe Outpost they were amazed at the sight of deer running across the landscape. They then loaded 18 canoes with their camping gear and were off on a 23 mile canoe adventure down Peace River that included gator and otter sightings. They arrived at their camp site on a riverbank and were required to set up their own tents and collect firewood for the evening bonfire, where they roasted marshmallows and talked into the wee hours of the morning. The following day, the Teens broke down the camp site and packed it all into their canoes for the 8 mile trek back to the Canoe Outpost.

This field trip was chosen specifically to have the Teens participate in something they might never be able to experience. Because of this trip the Teens created a lasting relationship with one another, learned the value of group unity and to be confident in their own abilities as well. This trip was an experience that the Teens and their coaches will never forget!

The North Shore Teen Club focuses on teens ages 12-17. The program is free. The club is located at the North Shore Park Youth Center, 501 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. Some of the activities include weekly themed events, field trips, performing arts, and volunteer opportunities. Call Willy at 305-861-3616 for more information.

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